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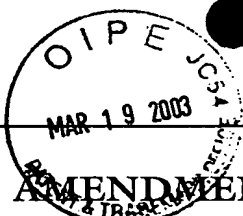
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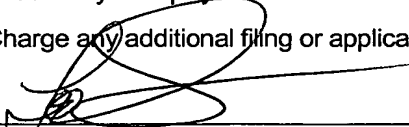
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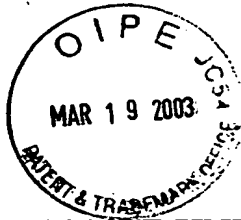
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002 (Paper No. 5),
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8-23, 26-31, and 34-42, without prejudice.

Please rewrite claims 1-2, 24-25, and 32-33 as follows:

1. A program control apparatus for controlling execution of a program in a computer system in which a plurality of threads are switched in accordance with a scheduling policy by a scheduler, comprising: